Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020050030

Project Title: Highway 395 Conway Ranch Shoulders Project Post Mile (PM) 58.2 – 60.4 (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MOO-27207-R6).

Project Location (County of Mono): The project is located is located at PM 58.6, 59.27, 59.42, 59.48, and 59.78 on U.S. Route 395 north or Lee Vining in Mono County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-MOO-27207-R6 pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, for the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation, District 9.

There are 5 projects that will temporarily impact 0.0729 acres and permanently impact 0.0293 acres of Fish and Game section 1602 resources. Project activities include culvert extension and replacement, replacement of concrete headwalls, stream diversion, vegetation removal, inlet installation, and installation of rock slope protection and flared end sections.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on October 10, 2023, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
- 2. CDFW considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
- 3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
- A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The [Mitigated negative Declaration] prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

10/10/2023

Date:

Alisa Ellsworth, Environmental Program Manager

Signature:

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